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EDITORIALS†

CALIFORNIA'S FIFTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE: IN RETROSPECT

Large Number of Proposed Laws.—On Saturday, June 14, this year's Legislature—California's fifty-fourth—adjourned, with a record of more than four thousand measures having been submitted. In line with past experience, it was found that several hundred proposed laws had public health and medical practice implications; almost one hundred of this latter group containing provisions that could play havoc, if passed, with desired objectives.

Members of the medical profession should feel pleased in the knowledge that no legislation of vicious nature went on to enactment, and subsequent placement in the statute books of the State.

Comment will be made, first, on certain measures in which the California Medical Association had special interest, and, secondly, on proposals submitted from various other sources, the purposes of which would not make for a betterment of existing or future conditions in medical practice.

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Some Measures of Special Interest.—At the California Medical Association session held in 1940, at Coronado, *Resolution No. 23* on "Pound Legislation" (CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, June, 1940, pages 271 and 294), recommended the passage of a law that would permit "the use of unclaimed animals from the public pounds by recognized scientific organizations for investigative purposes." In the recent legislature, a measure, known as Senate Bill 488, drafted to accomplish this aim, met with serious opposition from the antivivisectionist group, became also the source of considerable newspaper comment, and after strenuous discussion in committee hearings, was tabled in executive session by the Senate Committee on Public Health.

At the Coronado meeting, Doctor Bullock of Los Angeles introduced *Resolution No. 24* for proposed legislation granting traffic law exemptions to physicians when responding to emergency calls, the same being adopted (CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, June, 1940, pages 271 and 294). An act drafted and introduced as Assembly Bill 690 went on to enactment, now being recorded as Chapter 573, Section 454.2 of the Vehicle Code

† Editorials on subjects of scientific and editorial interest, contributed by members of the California Medical Association, are printed in the Editorial Comment column which follows.